

We Claim:

1. In a computer network, said network interfaced with a server, a method for collecting and presenting data, said method comprising the steps of:

5 receiving a first document, said first document submitted by a first user;  
automatically converting data extracted from said first document into an extensible markup language ( XML ) document;  
storing said XML document on said server; and  
permitting access of said XML document from a remote location connected to  
10 said network by a second user.

2. The method of claim 1 comprising the additional step of:

automatically e-mailing the data contained within said XML document to a recipient, said recipient indicated by said first user when submitting said first document.

15 3. The method of claim 2 wherein said recipient is said second user.  
4. The method of claim 2 wherein said recipient is different from said second user.

20 5. The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:  
providing a stylesheet; and  
applying said stylesheet to said XML document in response to commands from  
said second user.

25 6. The method of claim 1 comprising the further step of:  
storing said XML document in a database connected to said network.

7. The method of claim 6 wherein said second user retrieves said XML document from said database.

30 8. The method of claim 7 further comprising the steps of:  
providing an extensible stylesheet language ( XSL ) stylesheet; and

applying said XSL stylesheet to said XML document in response to commands from said second user.

9. In a computer network, said network interfaced with a database, a method for  
5 collecting and presenting data, said method comprising the steps of:
  - receiving a first document, said first document submitted by a first user;
  - automatically converting data extracted from said first document into an extensible markup language ( XML ) document;
  - storing said XML document in said database; and
10. permitting access of said XML document from a remote location connected to  
said network by a second user.
10. The method of claim 9 comprising the additional step of:
  - automatically e-mailing the data contained within said XML document to a  
15 recipient, said recipient indicated by said first user when submitting said first document.
11. The method of claim 10 wherein said recipient is said second user.
12. The method of claim 10 wherein said recipient is different from said second user.  
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13. The method of claim 9 further comprising the steps of:
  - providing a stylesheet; and
  - applying the stylesheet to said XML document in response to commands from  
said second user.
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14. The method of claim 13 wherein said stylesheet is an XSL stylesheet.
15. In a computer network, said network including a server interfaced with a database, a  
medium holding computer-executable instructions for a method of collecting and  
30 displaying data, said method comprising the steps of:
  - receiving a first document, said first document submitted from a first user;
  - automatically converting data extracted from said first document into an XML  
document;

storing said XML document in said database; and  
permitting access of said XML document from a remote location connected to  
said network by a second user.

5      16. The medium of claim 15 wherein said method comprises the additional step of :  
          automatically emailing said XML document to a recipient, said recipient  
          indicated by said first user.

10     17. The medium of claim 16 wherein said recipient is different from said second user.

10     18. The medium of claim 15 wherein the method comprises the additional steps of:  
          providing a stylesheet; and  
          applying the stylesheet to said XML document in response to commands from  
          said second user.

15     19. The medium of claim 18 wherein the stylesheet provided by said method is an XSL  
          stylesheet.

20     20. In a computer network, said network including a server, a medium holding  
          computer-executable instructions for a method, said method comprising the steps of:  
          receiving a first document, said first document submitted from a first user;  
          automatically converting data extracted from said first document into an XML  
          document;  
          storing said XML document on said server;  
          permitting access of said XML document from a remote location connected to  
          said network, said access by a second user.

25     21. The medium of claim 20 wherein said method comprising the additional step of :  
          automatically emailing said XML document to a recipient, said recipient  
          indicated by said first user.

30     22. The medium of claim 21 wherein said recipient is said second user.

23. The medium of claim 21 wherein said recipient is different from said second user.